WHEREAS, Flag Day, a day commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States, was first suggested by William T. Kerr, a Pittsburgh native, to coincide with the date in 1777 when the Stars & Stripes became our national flag; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day was officially established by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916 and formalized in the Flag Act of Congress, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, on August 3, 1949; and

WHEREAS, before being formally established by the United States government, organizations like the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were involved in celebrations and ceremonies to celebrate the significance of the American flag to our country; and

WHEREAS, as federally chartered non-profit and non-partisan organizations, SAR and DAR are dedicated to the preservation of American history and patriotic ideals; as part of that mission and the organization’s history, the SAR and DAR are celebrating the 86th Flag Day Award Ceremony on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum; and

WHEREAS, over 140 local students, eighth graders from public, private and parochial schools chosen by their school administrators, will be recognized for good citizenship and outstanding work in American history with certificates, medals and pins; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution for this annual recognition and celebration, congratulate each of the students on this award and recognize the students’ parents, relatives, teachers and friends who have supported their citizenship efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have heretounto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 14th day of June, 2014.

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